

HODDER DARGAUD PRESENTS



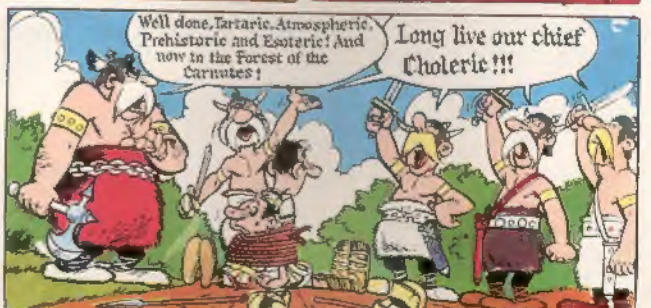
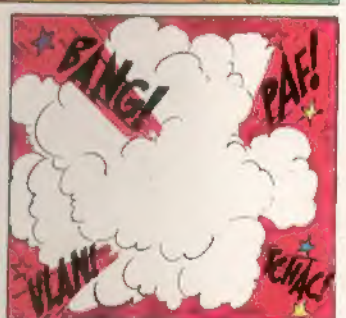
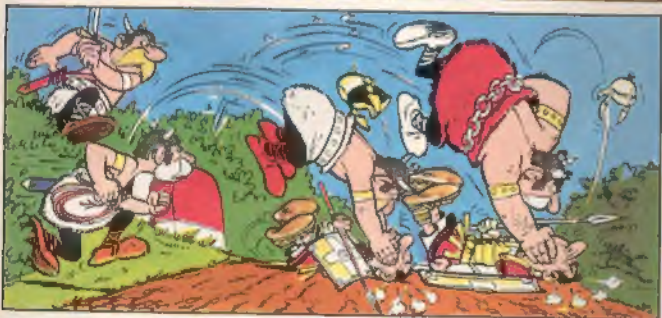
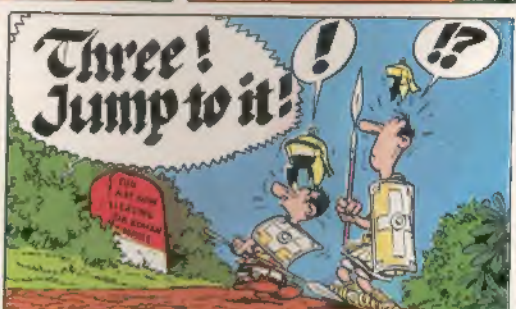
TEXT: GOSCINNY
DRAWINGS: UDERZO

Asterix

AND THE GOTHS







WHILE THESE SERIOUS FRONTIER INCIDENTS ARE TAKING PLACE, OUR FRIENDS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO THE FOREST OF THE CARNUTES...



WE'LL SOON BE THERE. YOU SEE, IT WAS QUITE AN UNEVENTFUL JOURNEY!



BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY...



I'M A BIT PECKISH...



OH! WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE!



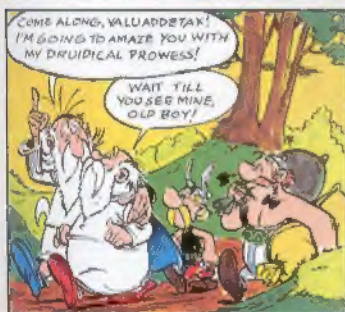
A WILD BOAR?!



FRIENDS, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO MY OLD FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE, THE BRITISH DRUID VALUADDETAX!



OK! SAY! DELIGHTED! I'M SURE!



COME ALONG, VALUADDETAX! I'M GOING TO AMAZE YOU WITH MY DRUIDICAL PROWESS!

WAIT TILL YOU SEE MINE, OLD BOY!



**HALT!
WHO GOES THERE?**



A ROMAN PATROL!

SHALL WE GET THEM?

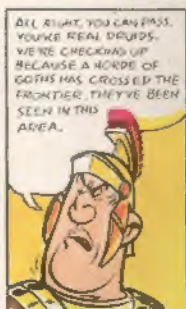
NO, NO, OBELIX. WHILE THE CONFERENCE IS ON THERE'S A TRUCE WITH THE ROMANS.

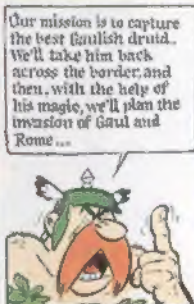


LET US PASS, DECURION. WE ARE DRUIDS GOING TO THE FOREST OF THE CARNUTES.



THAT'S YOUR STORY, JUST PROVE IT!





THE FOREST OF THE CARNUTES IS SWARMING WITH DRUIDS IN MERRY MOOD, ALL DELIGHTED TO SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN...



EVERY OAK TREE IS FULL OF DRUIDS HARD AT WORK CUTTING MISTLETOE WITH THEIR SICKLES...



OOOOUCH! THAT'S MY FINGER!

THEY TALK SHOP, THEY DISCUSS SPELLS...

YES, MY DEAR FELLOW, I'VE PICKED UP THIS SICKLE IN A LITTLE SHOP IN DORINGHAM! LOOK, IT'S GOT A SAFETY CATCH.

SO THEN, OLD MAN, HEY FELLOW! I TURNED HIM INTO A MENHIR!



THEY EVEN INDULGE IN JOSES AND RUNS... IN SHORT, THEY ARE HAVING A GOOD TIME.

THIS FOOD'S A BIT SICKLE-Y!

PASS ME THE CEST!

IT MUST BE HIS GAIL BLADDER!

MENHIR A TRUE WORD IS SPOKEN IN JEST!



THEN, AFTER THE GREAT BANGGLE...

SILENCE, BROTHERS, SILENCE!



BROTHER DRUIDS, THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO BEGIN OUR GREAT CONTEST TO EVALUATE NEW METHODS AND ELECT THE DRUID OF THE YEAR...



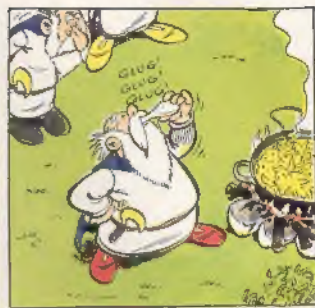
AND WHILE THE DRUIDS PREPARE THEIR MAGIC POTIONS...



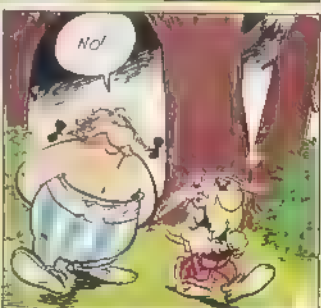
...GOODYEYES ARE WATCHING THEM...

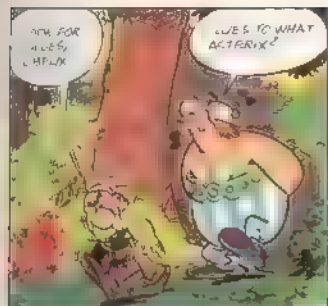
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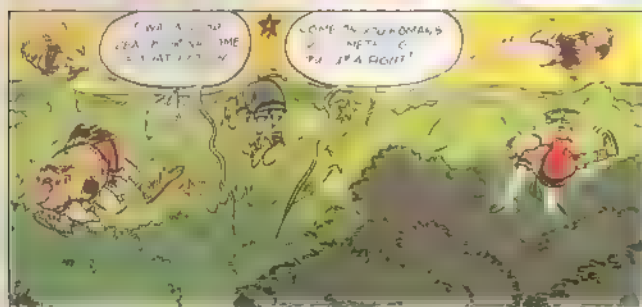


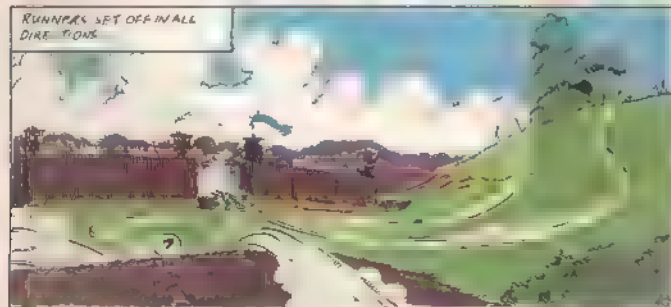
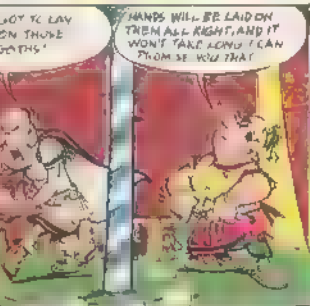


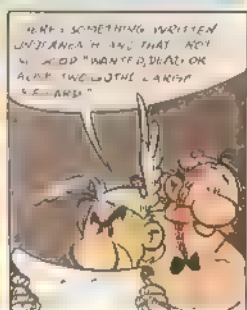
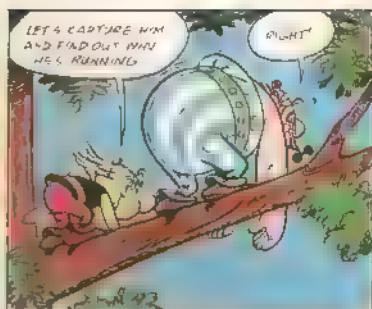
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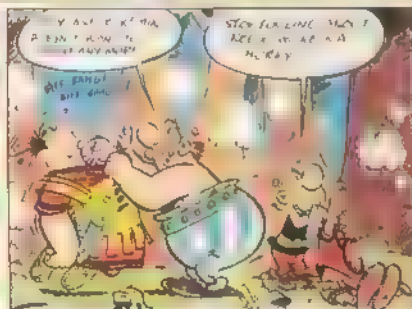
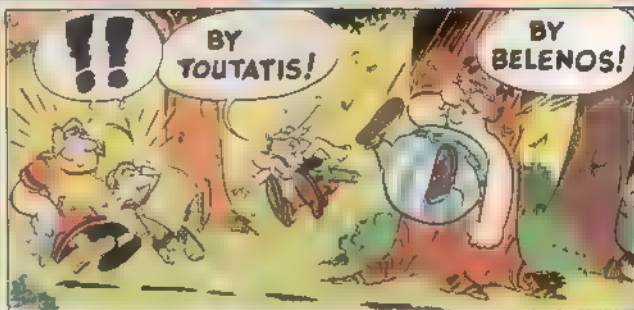


WE'RE LOOKING FOR A WHILE OF REST THEY'RE BEHIND US

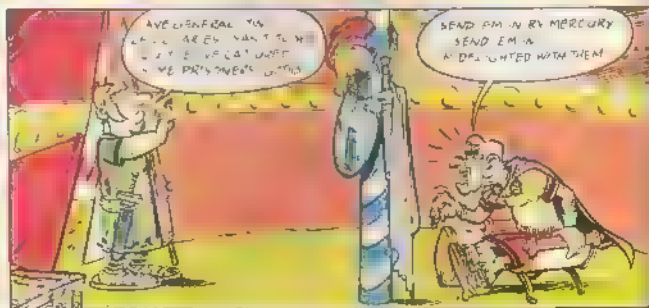
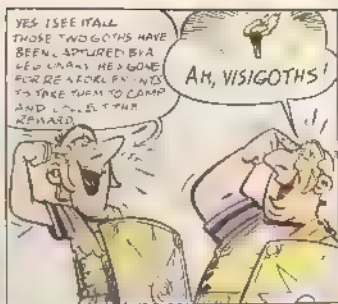
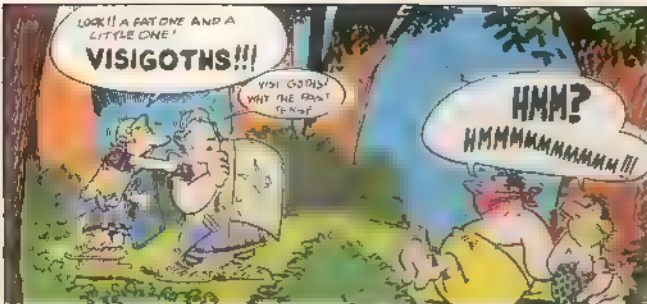


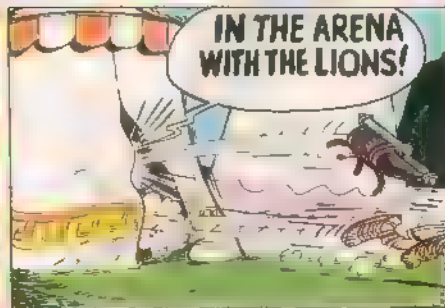
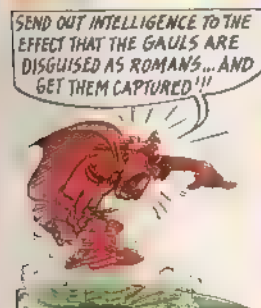
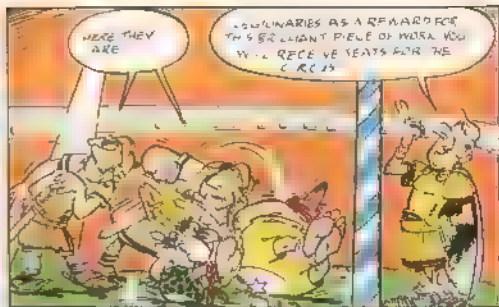


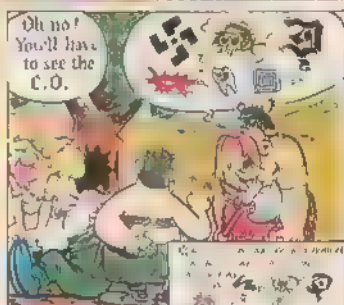
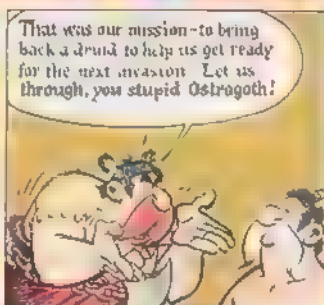
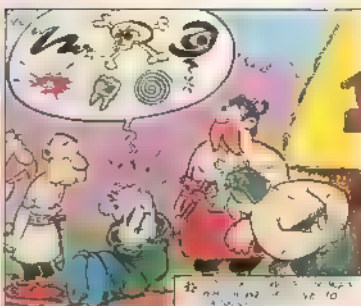


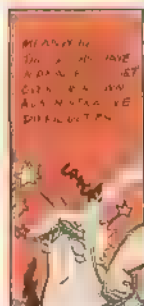
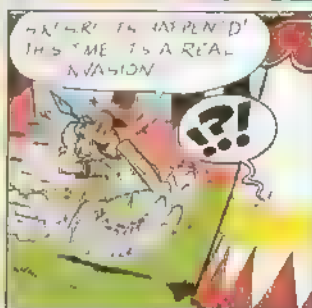




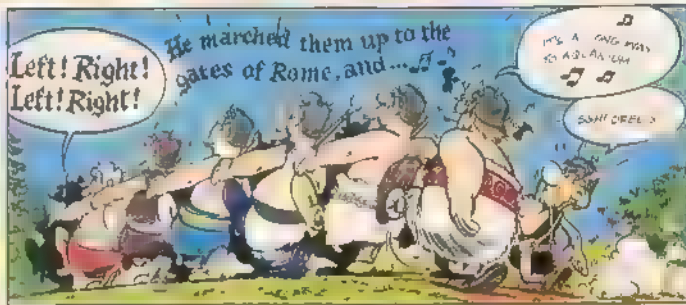








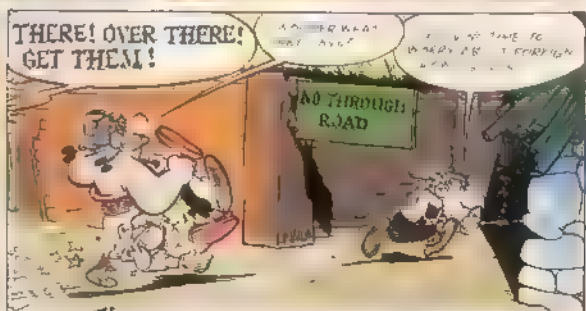


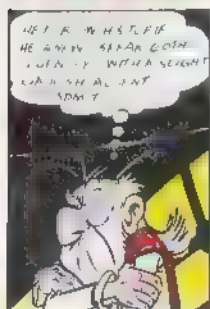


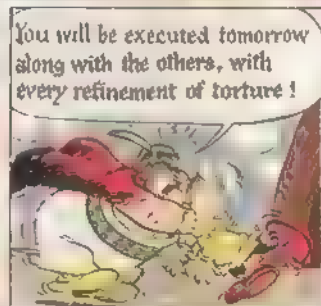
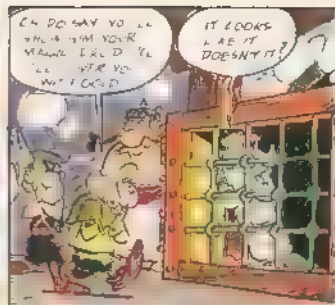


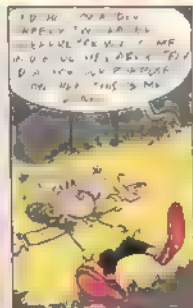
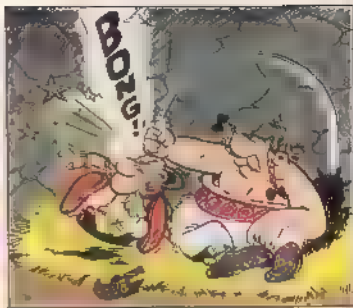
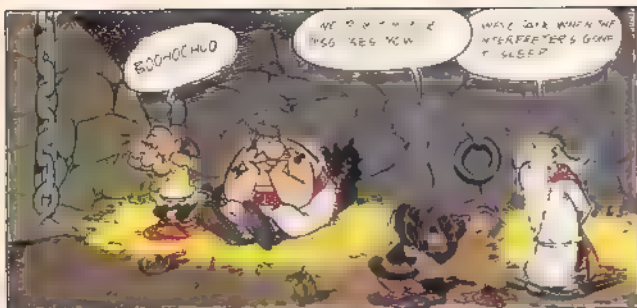


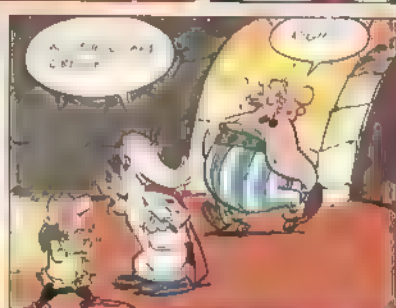
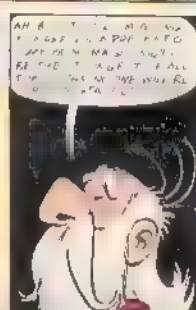


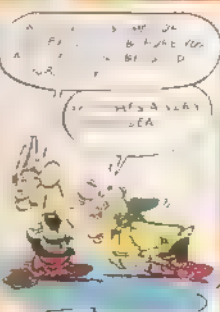
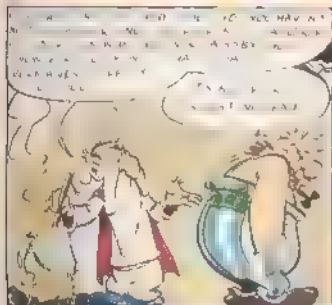


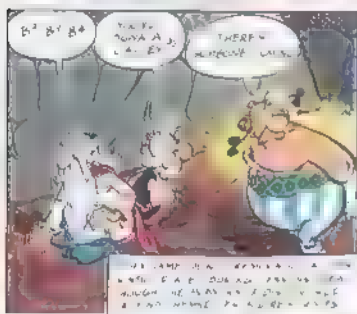


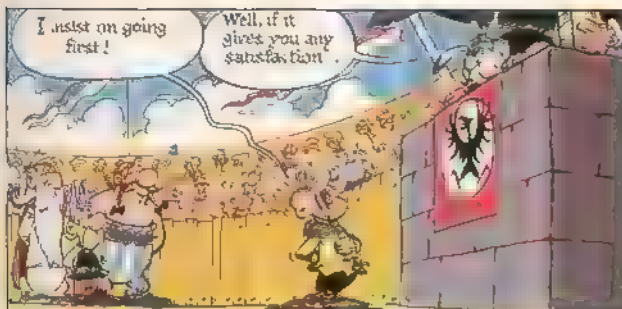


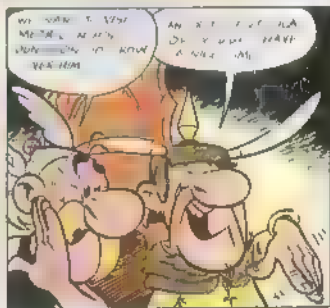
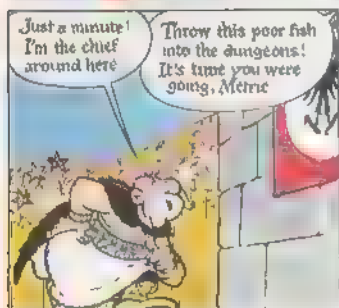
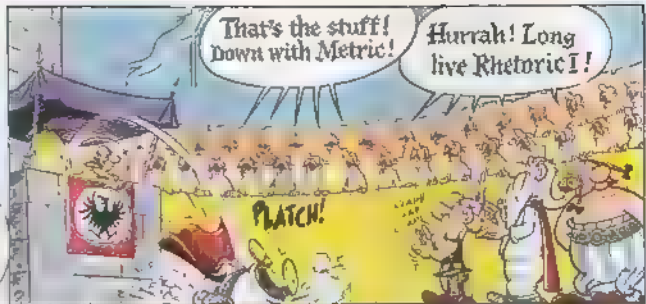
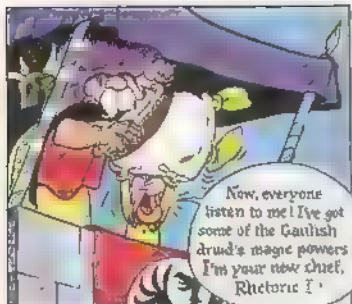












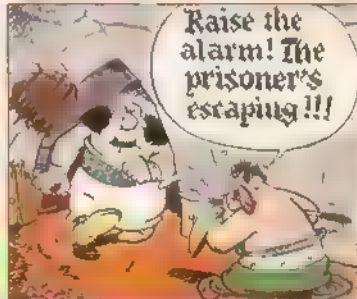
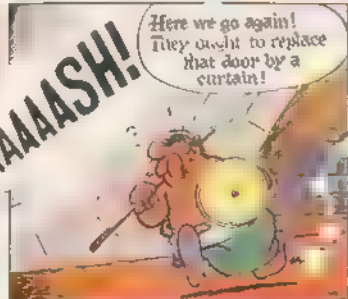
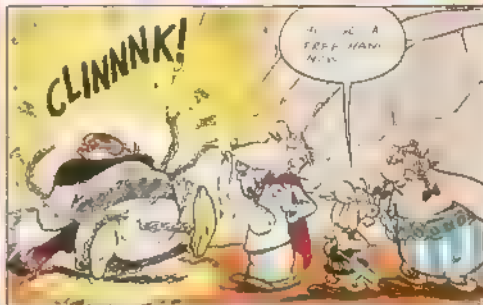
ASIDE: I'VE ALREADY OBFUSCATED MY WAY
DOWN TO THE TOWN BELL ON A LOT OF
MELTIL

Metric, would you
like to get your
revenge on Rhetoric
and return to
power?

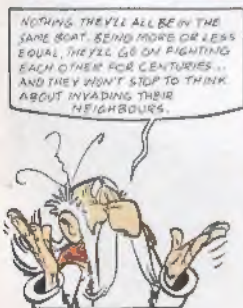
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Have a swig of this magic
poison... then you'll be as
strong as Rhetoric. The way
you use your strength is
up to you







THE ASTERIXIAN WARS A Tangled Web ...

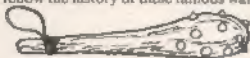


Metric



Rhetoric

The ruse employed by Asterix, Getafix and Obelix succeeded beyond their wildest dreams. After drinking the druid's magic potion, the Goths fought each other tooth and nail. Here is a brief summary to help you follow the history of these famous wars.



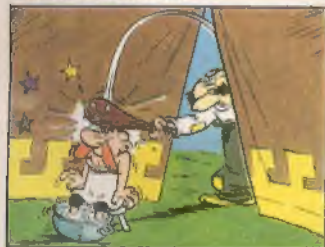
The favourite and devastating weapon of the combatants.



Diagram indicating the course of events.



Rhetoric has no time to celebrate his victory, for, having completed his outflanking movement, he is taken in the rear by his own ally, Lyric. Lyric instantly proclaims himself supreme chief of all the Goths, much to the amusement of the other chiefs ...



General Euphoric manages to surprise Euphoric meditating on the conduct of his next few campaigns. Euphoric's morale is distinctly lowered, but he has the last word, with his famous remark, "I'll short-circuit him yet!"



Euphoric, much annoyed, sets up camp and decides to talk. He is surprised by Eccentric, who in his turn is attacked by Lyric, subsequently to be defeated by Electric. Electric is destined to be betrayed by Saitric, who will be beaten by Rhetoric.



Who turn out to be right, for Lyric's brother-in-law Saitric lays an ambush for him, pretending to invite him to a family reunion and Lyric falls into the trap. It was upon this occasion that the proposition that blood is thicker than water was first put to the test ...



While Electric proclaims himself supreme chief of the Goths, in the argument of all and sundry, it is the turn of Metric's rearguard to be surprised by Rhetoric's vanguard. Bonk! "This is bad for my system," is the comment of the exasperated Metric.



Going round a corner, Rhetoric's vanguard bumps into Metric's rearguard. Bonk! Bonk! This battle is famous in the Asterixian wars as the "Battle of the Two Losers" And so the war goes on ...



The first victory is won outright by Rhetoric, who, having surprised Metric by an outflanking movement, lets him have it - bonk! - and inflicts a crushing defeat on him. This defeat, however, is only temporary ...



Rhetoric goes after Lyric, with the avowed intention of "bashing him up" (archais), but his rearguard is surprised by Metric's vanguard. Bonk! This manoeuvre is known as the Metric System.



In fact, it is so bad for his system that he allows himself to be surprised by Euphoric. The battle is short and sharp. Euphoric, a wily politician, instantly proclaims himself supreme chief of the Goths. The other supreme chiefs are in fits ...



MEANWHILE, OUR THREE FRIENDS ARE APPROACHING THE FRONTIER OF GAUL WITH THEIR MINDS AT REST...





AND LATE INTO THE NIGHT THERE IS FEASTING, LAUGHING AND DRINKING, AS OUR FRIENDS EAT, BOAR AND TELL THE WHOLE STORY OF THEIR ADVENTURES. SINCE YOU KNOW IT ALREADY, WE THINK THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO LEAVE YOU... BUT NOT FOR LONG!

